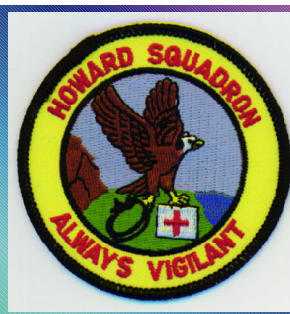




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Commander's Chat

"State of the Squadron Message"

I want to take this opportunity to thank some squadron members without whom we would not have as active squadron as we do - these people are our senior members. I want to start by thanking our public information officer, Capt Bob Terry, for the outstanding job you do on the newsletter. Also, thank you for your participation in ground team, fund raisers, and cadet activities. I will continue by thanking Maj Hans Schmitz for your safety briefings; for your being at our meetings early to see that all our cadets arrive safely and all of us sign in properly. I thank Maj Elza Redman, testing officer, transportation officer, and communications officer, for getting the cadets tested, keeping the van, and participating the ground team searches, participating in fund raisers. Thank you, 2 Lt Ron Andes, current operations officer, for giving so much of your time to give our cadets their orientation flights.

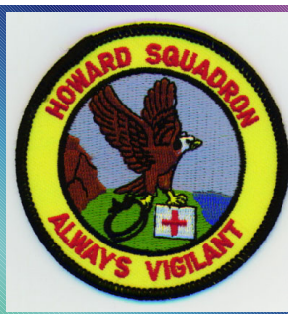
Thank you all for making this past year a success.

Lt Col Ron Whitehead





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Outings and Events

The 8th Grade overnight was a lock in of 8th graders at Wilde Lake Middle School. Cadets Dan Steciak, Austin Verble, and David Wainland, supported school staff members Doreen Harwood and Stephanie Gurwitz in conducting activities in aerospace, science and engineering. Well, OK, they worked some flight simulators until the chips were smokin'.



A Dulles tour, coordinated by Mr. Erik Perkins of Exxon-Mobil, consisted of visiting a number of facilities at the Dulles complex.

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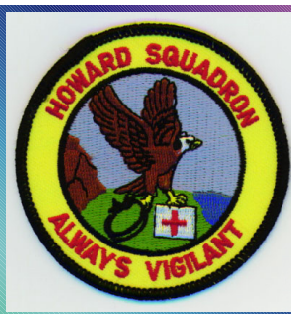
Mr. Perkins conducted the cadets, and attending seniors on a tour to the Exxon-Mobil facility at Dulles. This is a Corporate Fleet Facility. The cadets were allowed in depth examination of some of the Corporate jets and the hangar facilities. Three of the corporate pilots spoke in detail to the cadets of the training requirements and the life experiences as corporate pilots. Each of the pilots had also served in the Air Force and discussed their experiences there also.

A tour of the NASM facilities was also conducted, highlighted by a close examination of a Blackbird.

The cadets were also given a tour of the Dulles Ramp Tower. Participating were: Avi Chandra, Jenny Clark, Chase Crone, Grey Crone, Caitlin Dunbar, Kevin Finson, Andrew Griffin, Diana Kane, Kelsey Kinnaman, Ben McGinty, Greg Perkins, Marcus Robinson, Ryan Rupe, David Slovin, Daniel Steciak, and David Wainland.



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Bow Ties and Ball Gowns: The 2002 Group IV Winter Ball

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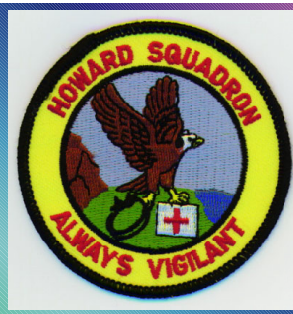
All the young men were wearing bow ties with their semi-formal uniforms, the young women were dressed to a "T" in elegant ball gowns. Where would one go to see such an unusual sight in Civil Air Patrol? The Group IV Cadet Winter Ball, of course.

On the twenty-eighth of December 2002 cadets and seniors from all over Maryland Wing's Group IV gathered at the Mt. Airy Senior Center for the annual winter ball. The ball was organized by Cadet Major Kathleen McKlennen, who once again did a wonderful job. A deejay played a wide variety of music while the cadets danced the night away. In addition to the music the ball also provided the opportunity to meet with other cadets in a relaxed, social setting and to catch up with the cadets of yesteryear who attended that ball while home from college on Christmas break. Throughout the evening drawings were held for door prizes. One of the highlights of the evening was a rousing a capella rendition of "You've Lost That Loving Feeling," performed by the cadets of group IV in honor of former Group IV Cadet Commander C/Col John F. Reutemann III. Keep your eyes peeled this coming winter for details of the 2003 Winter Ball.

C/1st Lt Emily Hudson



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Cadets:

Finson, Kevin SRA--Wright; **Kane, Diana** SRA--Wright;
Kinnaman, Kelsey SRA--Wright; **Medoff, Richard** SSgt--
Rickenbacker; **Verble, Austin** MSgt--Doolittle;
Rockstroh, Rustin 2Lt--Mitchell; **Crone, Chase** A1C--
Arnold; **Crone, Grey** MSgt--Doolittle; **Griffin, Andrew**
TSgt--Lindbergh; **Hudson, Emily** 1st Lt; **Kane, Diana**
SSgt--Rickenbacker; **McGinty, Ben** A1C--Arnold;
O'Malley, Kevin SRA--Wright; **Rupe, Ryan** Amn--Curry;
Slovin, David A1C--Arnold; **Summe, Scott** SMSGT--
Goddard;

**Promotions
&
Awards**

Verble, Austin	Red Service Ribbon
Finson, Kevin	Ground Team Member Course
Kane, Diana	Ground Team Member Course

Welcome aboard to new cadets: Eroica Verble,
Caitlin Dunbar, Ryan Rupe, and Kelsey Torano.



Seniors:

Terry, Robert	Captain
Lewers, Kim	2nd Lieutenant
Steciak, Jennifer	2nd Lieutenant

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A **joint award** to the unsung gaggle of paper pushers who could manage to stretch the interval between ECI 13 and promotion to Captain to a glorious eight months...truly fascinating.

